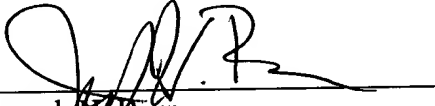


or falling-film evaporator, it can be practiced by the evaporation-and-condenser unit that claim 1 defines. Claim 30's paragraph A defines providing a heat exchanger that claim 1's paragraph A defines. Claim 1's evaporation-chamber irrigation system is for performing the type of irrigation that claim 30's paragraph B performs. And claim 1's paragraph C defines a vapor guide that directs vapor in the manner that claim 30's paragraph C defines.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the restriction requirement. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.143, though, Applicant provisionally elects claims 1-29.

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